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REMARKS

The Examiner's communication dated Dec. 7, 2004, which includes allowance of claims 16 - 31 and 38, is acknowledged with thanks.

Claims 1 - 42 are pending. Claims 1 -15, 32 - 37, and 39 - 42 stand rejected. Claims 16 - 31 and 38 are allowed.

By the present amendment, claims 1 -15, 32 - 37, and 39 - 42 are cancelled without prejudice, and new claims 43 - 49 are added. After this amendment, claims 16 - 31, 38, and 43 - 49 are pending.

New claims 43 - 49 are submitted to more clearly state and distinctly claim what applicants believe to be their invention. Basis for new claims 43 - 49 is found in the claims as originally filed, in the drawings as filed, and in the specification at paragraphs [0029 -0043].


The applicants reserve the right to file continuation and/or divisional applications claiming the content of the cancelled claims.

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

This amendment is believed to put the application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

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